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SUBJ: GAO COMMENTS ON HONG KONG E&E PLAN

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM ENGLISH LANGUAGE HONG KONG STANDARD ABOUT A REUTERS REPORT DATED WASHINGTON DECEMBER 22 TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GAO IN A REPORT TO CONGRESS SAID THAT E&E PLANS REVIEWED BY THEM IN CHILE, GREECE, CYPRUS AND HONG KONG WERE "OUTDATED AND UNREALISTIC." WE HAVE REPLIED THAT LIKE ALL FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS HONG KONG HAS CONTINGENCY PLANS AND THEY ARE UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW, ADDING THAT WE DO NOT KNOW WHY HONG KONG WAS INCLUDED IN THE FOUR COUNTRIES CITED.

2. STANDARD AND REPORTER WHO CALLED COULD JUST CONCEIVABLY TRY TO BLOW THIS UNFOUNDED CRITICISM UP AND CREATE CONCERN AMONG THE MANY AMERICANS LIVING HERE EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NOT THE SLIGHTEST POSSIBILITY OF NEEDING SUCH A PLAN ANYTIME IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ALSO, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, BRITISH ARE SENSITIVE ABOUT PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THIS AND SIMILAR SUBJECTS RELATING TO DISORDER AND DANGER IN HONG KONG. THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF THOSE PORTIONS OF GAO REPORT APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG AND ANY OTHER DEPARTMENTAL COMMENT ON THIS REPORT AS A WHOLE.

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